

CLAIMS :The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the text of all active claims.

1.-6. (CANCELED)

7. (NEW) I claim

a non distorting needle comprising

a needle shaft having first and second round ends

an elongated non distorting terminal portion or pinch as a means to secure braid sized sections of hair through pressure, reduced in width but not necessarily in length, relative to the intermediate portion, being at an angle flat, twisted or bent in relation to the oval intermediate portion,

an oval intermediate portion,

a tail or probe portion being defined by a non tapering smooth circular cylindrical probe or tail with no openings having a round end.